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SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATION PROCEDURE
IN MTN

REFS: A) MTN GEN 00030; B) MTN GEN 00630; C) MTN GEN09461

D) MTN GEN 00918; E) MTN GEN 1160

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1. WE HAVE EVALUATED DEL'S SUGGESTIONS OUTLINED IN REFS A AND B CONCERNING GROUP AGRICULTURE'S WORK PROGRAM PROVIDING FOR EARLY NOTIFICATIONS AND BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS FOR "OTHER PRODUCTS" AND SUGGEST FOLLOWING PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFICATION, CONSULTATION, AND REPORTING RESULTS.

2. NOTIFICATIONS:

A) IN KEEPING WITH THE NEW GROUP AGRICULTURE WORK PROGRAM (REF C) THE U.S. DEL SHOULD NOTIFY COUNTRIES DIRECTLY BY LETTER WITH A COPY TO THE SECRETARIAT. NOTIFICATIONS NOW IN PREPARATION WILL INCLUDE ALL TRADE BARRIERS NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED IN THE QR SUBGROUP AFFECTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT GRAINS, MEAT (BOVINE MEAT) AND DAIRY PRODUCTS. WHERE NOTIFICATIONS ON BARRIERS AFFECTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE UNDER THE QR SUBGROUP MTN DEL LETTER SHOULD DRAW ATTENTION TO THESE EARLIER

NOTIFICATIONS, INDICATE ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATIONS, IF ANY, AND INDICATE OUR DESIRE TO CONSULT PURSUANT TO THE SUGGESTION MADE BY THE TNC CHAIRMAN IN DECEMBER (MTN/W/24).

B) WHILE WE DO NOT INTEND TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF CONSULTATIONS REQUESTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES, FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST U.S. NOTIFICATIONS WILL NOT COVER TARIFFS, SUBSIDIES, OR STANDARDS TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE BEING ADEQUATELY TREATED ELSEWHERE, SINCE TO DO SO WOULD CONFLICT WITH EFFORTS IN THE FUNCTIONAL GROUPS TO FIND A GENERAL APPROACH OR MULTILATERAL SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS. (WE MAY HOWEVER DECIDE TO NOTIFY DISCRIMINATORY HEALTH AND SANITARY BARRIERS). NOR WILL WE CONSULT AT THIS TIME ON PRODUCTS FALLING UNDER THE GRAINS, MEAT, AND DAIRY SUBGROUPS UNLESS THESE CONSULTATIONS ARE HELD UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE QR SUBGROUP OR UNTIL FORMAL CONSULTATION PROCEDURES ARE AGREED IN THE GRAINS, MEAT AND DAIRY SUBGROUPS. OUR CONCERN IN THIS REGARD IS NOT TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS IN THESE AREAS UNTIL SATISFACTORY PROCEDURES PARTICULARLY FOR REPORTING RESULTS ARE AGREED.

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C) AS IN THE QR SUBGROUP, WE WILL NOT NOTIFY AT THIS TIME BARRIERS APPLIED BY NON-MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES OR BARRIERS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONSULTATIONS.

3. CONSULTATIONS:

A) U.S. NOTIFICATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CONSULTATION SHOULD NOT SPECIFY WHERE THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT, BUT RATHER SHOULD AS INDICATED PARA 2 ABOVE USE A MORE GENERAL FORMULATION SUCH AS "PURSUANT TO THE TNC CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTIONS."

B) IN RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATIONS AGAINST THE U.S., OUR PREFERRED APPROACH WOULD BE TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL BARRIERS JOINTLY WITHOUT SPECIFYING A PARTICULAR GROUP OR SUBGROUP, I.E. PURSUANT TO LONG'S SUGGESTIONS. HOWEVER IF NOTIFICATIONS ARE ESSENTIALLY QR'S (AS BROADLY DEFINED BY U.S.) AND THE COUNTRY HAS NOT OBJECTED TO CONSULTATION IN QR SUBGROUP, WE SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS IN QR SUBGROUP.

C) SHOULD A COUNTRY OBJECT TO JOINT AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONSULTATIONS WE COULD AGREE TO SEPARATE CONSULTATIONS, PREFERABLY WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHERE CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE. IF COUNTRY INSISTS THAT

CONSULTATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS BE CARRIED OUT UNDER AEGIS OF GROUP AGRICULTURE WE WILL AGREE. THIS HOWEVER IS LEAST PREFERABLE OPTION IN LIGHT OF U.S. POSITION TO NEGOTIATE AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY TOGETHER.

4. REPORTING:

IN LINE WITH U.S. OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING LINKS BETWEEN WORK OF GROUP AGRICULTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL GROUPS IT IS CRUCIAL TO GET PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING CONSULTATIONS AGREED BEFORE CONSULTATIONS ARE HELD ANYWHERE OTHER THAN THE QR SUBGROUP. WE BELIEVE THEREFORE THAT WE SHOULD SEEK EARLY AGREEMENT BY EC AND SECRETARIAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO REPORTING PROCEDURE SIMILAR TO THAT RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED FOR COMMUNICATION OF REPORTS OF FORMAL GROUP AND SUBGROUP MEETINGS. (REFS D AND E). WRITTEN REPORTS OF CONSULTATIONS, PREFERABLY ISSUED JOINTLY BY THE CONSULTING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AND CHAIRMEN OF ALL INTERESTED GROUPS AND SUBGROUPS. SECRETARIAT ON BEHALF OF CHAIRMEN OF THESE GROUPS WOULD ISSUE A DOCUMENT IN APPROPRIATE GROUP SERIES (I.E. DOCUMENT ISSUED BY TARIFF GROUP WOULD BE IN TARIFF GROUP SERIES, ETC.) LISTING THE REPORTS OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS (AS WELL AS REPORTS OF FORMAL MEETINGS) WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN INTERIM SINCE LAST MEETING OF THAT GROUP.

5. ALTHOUGH EC HAS INDICATED (REF E) THAT THE ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTING PROCEDURE FOR FORMAL MEETINGS DOES NOT IMPLY AGREEMENT ON SAME PROCEDURE FOR CIRCULATING REPORTS ON BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, WE BELIEVE US/EC AGREEMENT REFLECTED IN MTN/W/24 CLEARLY ESTABLISHES BASIS AND NEED FOR SUCH REPORTING PROCEDURES. WE WOULD THEREFORE EXPECT DISCUSSIONS WITH EC AND SECRETARIAT TO FOCUS ON CONTENT OF THOSE REPORTS. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY IN QR SUBGROUP SUGGESTED POSSIBLE FORMAT FOR REPORTS OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS (MTN/NTM/W/28). OUR INTEREST IN THIS MATTER IS CLEARLY THAT REPORTS CONTAIN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT WORK OF VARIOUS GROUPS CAN PROCEED IN CONCERT. WE WOULD NOT HOWEVER WISH DIS-AGREEMENT OVER CONTENT AT THIS TIME TO PREVENT ADOPTION OF PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN PARA 4 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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